

July - 1956

1. It is six months since Chronicle No.4. appeared, and lots of things have happened since then; so it is time No.5. was produced. In Chronicle No.3. it was reported that a reference to the Chronicle, and extracts from it, were to be published in the Magazine of the National Council of Social Service. The name of the Magazine is "The Village". The article appeared in December. Now a letter has been received from the Editor of another Magazine, "The Parish Councils Review" saying he will insert a few paragraphs about Tostock in his publication. The bit he has chosen he has called "The Samsons of Tostock"; and relates how Mr. Ben Buckle and Mr. Pat Everitt "rolled up their sleeves; spat on their hands, and lifted (the ponderous Commemoration Stone) gently into place." Let us keep calm! We must not expect to become known much further afield: but you never know, do you?

2. The Churchyard.

Some people have noticed that an effort is being made to improve the condition of the Churchyard. In these days churchyards up and down the land are not kept as they used to be. The expense of upkeep is the trouble. Here and there one sees a churchyard cared for as they were in the old days; the grass mown, the graves tidy, no dead flowers, no old jam pots. It was in a churchyard such as that, 200 years ago, that Thomas Gray wrote

Beneath those rugged elms, that yew-tree's shade,
Where heaves the turf in many a mould'ring heap,
Each in his narrow cell for ever laid,
The rude Forefathers of the hamlet sleep.

The Parochial Church Council are making a big effort; and so is Bernard Cecil Shaw. He goes up there many an evening after a full day's work, and puts in an hour or so. He has been helped by David Austin, Mervyn Buckle and Richard Everitt.

3. The Village Green, the Leys, Footpaths and Rights of Way.

In other words --- the Headaches of the Parish Council! Headaches can be cured, and many good souls in Tostock have come forward to cure them. Mr. Armstrong, the Chairman of the Parish Council, has assembled "The Happy Gang" once more; work has started on the Leys, and soon the Green will be cut. The same names as last year --- Ben Buckle, Pat Everitt, George Everitt, Albert Cutting, John Haselwood, Albert Fuller, Bertie Barnes --- and Uncle Tom Cobbleigh and all! There is one new name --- Lance Scutcher --- a new comer whom everyone is pleased to see. It would be very heartening to see more new names. PLEASE COME ALONG, you will be made WELCOME. The tractor and grass cutter which will be seen working on the Green has been loaned by Capt. Errington, and Mr. Chamen has very kindly offered the use of a tractor and cultivator for use on the Leys.

4. Tennis

What has happened to the Tennis Club? No-one lately has been seen preparing the court for play. Eight little goslings are waddling on it now. They are dirty little creatures and will never be any good at tennis!

5. The Village Hall.

Thanks to careful budgeting by the Management Committee the financial state of the Hall Funds is pretty good.

June 23rd. the balance at Bank was approximately £ 98.

The Committee has asked Messrs. Mulley to repair fence up to a limit of.....	£ 15.	
On this we get grant.....	£ 5.	
	<u>10</u>	£ 10.
		<u>£ 88.</u>

We still have to buy:-

Trestle Tables	£ 25.	
Card Tables	5.	
Stage & basic scenery	40.	
Stage Curtains	25.	
Tea urn	7.	
Sundries	<u>3.</u>	
	£105.	
On which we get a grant of	<u>35.</u>	
	£ 70.	£ 70.
		<u>£ 18.</u>

Credit balance

Mrs. G. Mulley, Mrs. Waylett and Mrs. Fuller have selected the curtain material for the windows; and Mrs. Largent is kindly making the curtains.

Major and Mrs. Ackroyd have paid the bills for connecting the water main to the washing up sink.

The fruits of Mr. Vic Huffey's labours are to be seen in a very tidy looking "playground".

Charges for Hire of Hall.

The Committee have had under consideration the charges for use of the Hall. On the one hand the Hall must, as far as possible, be self supporting. There is lighting, and water rate, and heating, and caretaker, and upkeep to pay for. On the other hand the charges must be attractive. The Committee have decided that, for the present the charges will be:-

Weddings Two Guineas, including fuel and caretaker.

Whist Drives	}	One Guinea, including fuel and caretaker.
Concerts		
Socials		
Film Show		
Parties		

Meetings 5/- including fuel and caretaker.

Breakages to be replaced.

6. Cricket.

It is a pity the Cricket Club could not have a ground this year on which to play their home matches. Perhaps next year they may find some place. But they, and by "they" is meant the whole Club, not just one or two stalwarts who do all the work, must think ahead, and make their plans for the coming season in good time.

7. Bus Service.

Mr. F. Armstrong and Mr. R. Mulley attended a meeting of the Parish Councils Association at Stowmarket in April when the Area Traffic Superintendent from Norwich was present. The latter asked for suggestions, and Mr. Armstrong asked if he was serious; because it was no use making suggestions if they were to be treated as heretofore. The Superintendent promised to do his best to review the matter. As a result of this conversation the Bus Company has been asked to make the following improvements.

FOR SHOPPING.

On Wednesdays and Saturdays the following buses to pass through the village:-

The 1.30.p.m. to Bury.

The 5.30.p.m. from Bury.

FOR CINEMA PATRONS.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays the last Bus from Bury to pass through the village.

8. Newcomers.

A little while ago there were several empty houses in Tostock, and as they were in good condition some people began to wonder what was wrong with the old village. There is nothing wrong with Tostock. We have got the Water, and the Electric Power, and ----- well, there's us! Discerning people have realised that, and all the houses are now occupied. The Parish Council, as representing Tostock, extend to them a very hearty welcome.